

Response

The allowance of Claims 1-59 and 61-67 is acknowledged with appreciation. Claim 60, the only rejected claim, is herein cancelled without prejudice to the Applicants' right to reassert the same subject matter in another co-pending application. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application.

Although no fee is believed to be due for submission of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due to Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1781.

Respectfully submitted,

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